

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for managing digital images, comprising:
a device for creating an electronic icon containing information unique to a particular user including information allowing access with respect to a particular digital media file having said icon associated therewith over a communication network by a third party.
2. A system according to claim 1 wherein said device for creating said electronic icon comprises a user computer and said digital media file is stored in a memory device in said computer.
3. A system according to claim 1 wherein an electronic camera is used to create said electronic icon and automatically associates said electronic icon with digital image file captured by said electronic camera
4. A system according to claim 1 further comprising a communication device for transferring said digital media file from said user computer over said communication network.
5. A system according to claim 3 wherein said electric camera has a communication device for transferring said digital media file to a service provider wherein said electronic icon includes instructions for further processing of said digital image file.
6. A system according to claim 5 wherein said provider provides confirmation of receipt of said digital media file to said electronic camera.
7. A system according to claim 6 wherein said confirmation further includes confirmation of said instructions.

8. A system according to claim 5 wherein said instructions includes the automatically forwarding of said digital image file to a third party.

9. A system according to claim 2 wherein a service provider having access to said digital media file so as to obtain said icon and allow access in accordance with said information.

10. A system according to claim 5 wherein said communication device is a wireless phone.

11. A method for managing digital images by a service provider on a user computer over a communication network, comprising:
creating an electronic icon containing information unique to said user that includes information for allowing controlled access by a designated third party to a particular digital media file stored on said computer;
said service provider accessing said user computer over said communication network and locating digital media files having said icon associated therewith and allowing access to said digital media files by said designated third party.

12. A method according to claim 11 wherein said information comprises instruction with respect to said digital image files

13. A method according to claim 12 wherein said instructions comprises forwarding said digital media file to said designated third party.

14. A method according to claim 13 wherein said instructions comprises forwarding the electronic address said digital media file to said designated third party such that said designated third party may directly access said digital media file.

15. A method according to claim 14 wherein said digital media file is a low resolution copy of a higher resolution media file.